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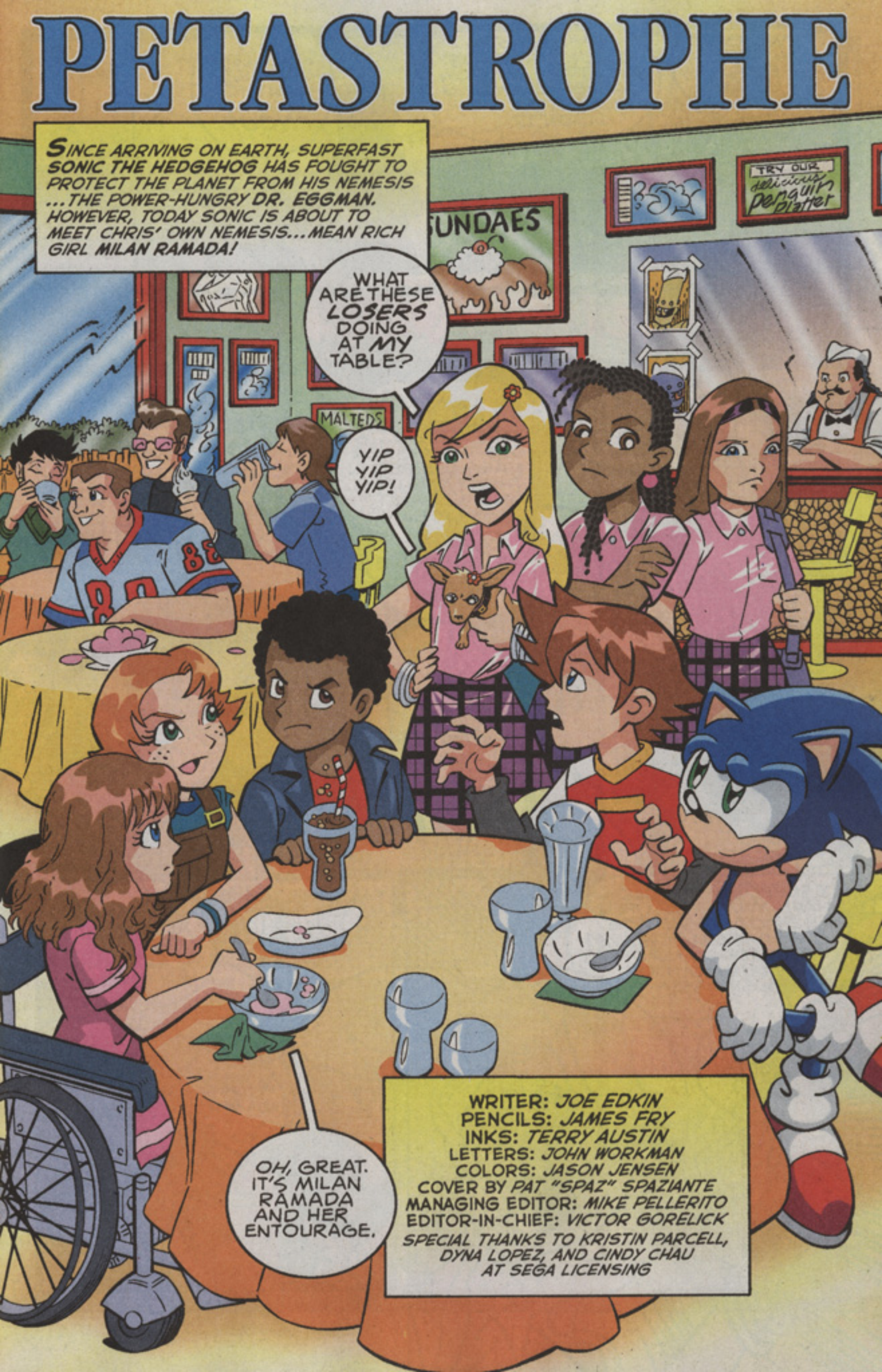
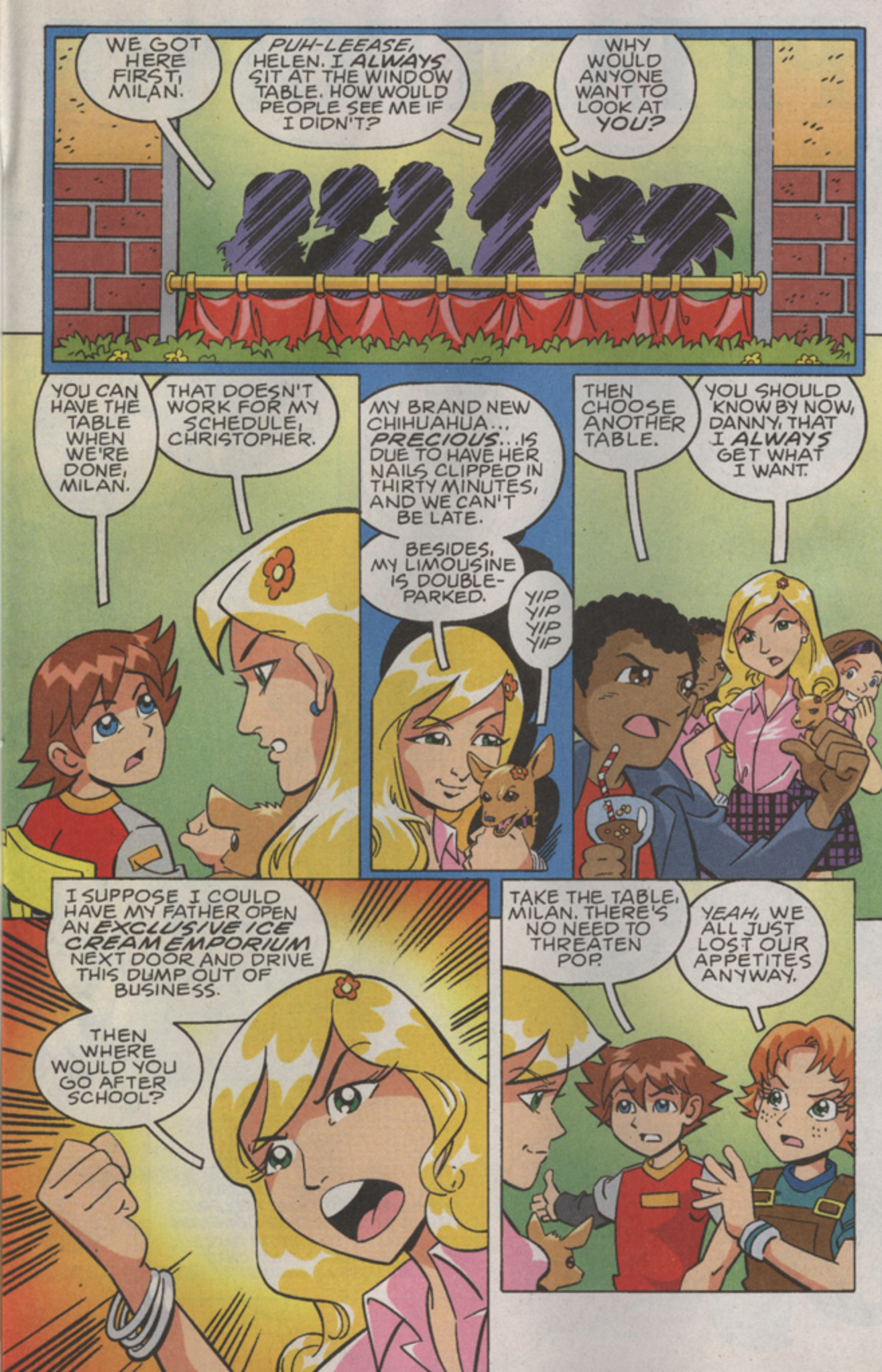



WE GOT HERE FIRST, MILAN.
PUH-LEEASE, HELEN. I ALWAYS SIT AT THE WINDOW TABLE. HOW WOULD PEOPLE SEE ME IF I DIDN'T?
WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO LOOK AT YOU?
YOU CAN HAVE THE TABLE WHEN WE'RE DONE, MILAN.
THAT DOESN'T WORK FOR MY SCHEDULE, CHRISTOPHER.
MY BRAND NEW CHIHUAHUA... PRECIOUS...IS DUE TO HAVE HER NAILS CLIPPED IN THIRTY MINUTES, AND WE CAN'T BE LATE.
BESIDES, MY LIMOUSINE IS DOUBLE-PARKED.
YIP YIP YIP YIP
THEN CHOOSE ANOTHER TABLE.
YOU SHOULD KNOW BY NOW, DANNY, THAT I ALWAYS GET WHAT I WANT.
I SUPPOSE I COULD HAVE MY FATHER OPEN AN EXCLUSIVE ICE CREAM EMPORIUM NEXT DOOR AND DRIVE THIS DUMP OUT OF BUSINESS.
THEN WHERE WOULD YOU GO AFTER SCHOOL?
TAKE THE TABLE, MILAN. THERE'S NO NEED TO THREATEN POP.
YEAH, WE ALL JUST LOST OUR APPETITES ANYWAY.

WHO WAS THAT, CHRIS?

THAT WAS MILAN RAMADA, SONIC. SHE GOES TO THE PRIVATE SCHOOL ACROSS TOWN.

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT HER?

HER FATHER OWNS *RAMADA REFINERIES, INCORPORATED.* HER FAMILY IS AS RICH AS CHRIS.

SOMETIMES RICHER. IT DEPENDS ON THE PRICES OF THEIR STOCKS ON ANY GIVEN DAY.

WHEN YOU HAVE THAT MUCH MONEY, YOU'RE USED TO GETTING YOUR WAY ALL THE TIME.

KEEP THE CHANGE, POP.

CHRIS DOESN'T ACT THAT WAY, AND HIS FAMILY HAS *LOTS* OF MONEY.

THAT'S BECAUSE CHRIS IS A NICE GUY.

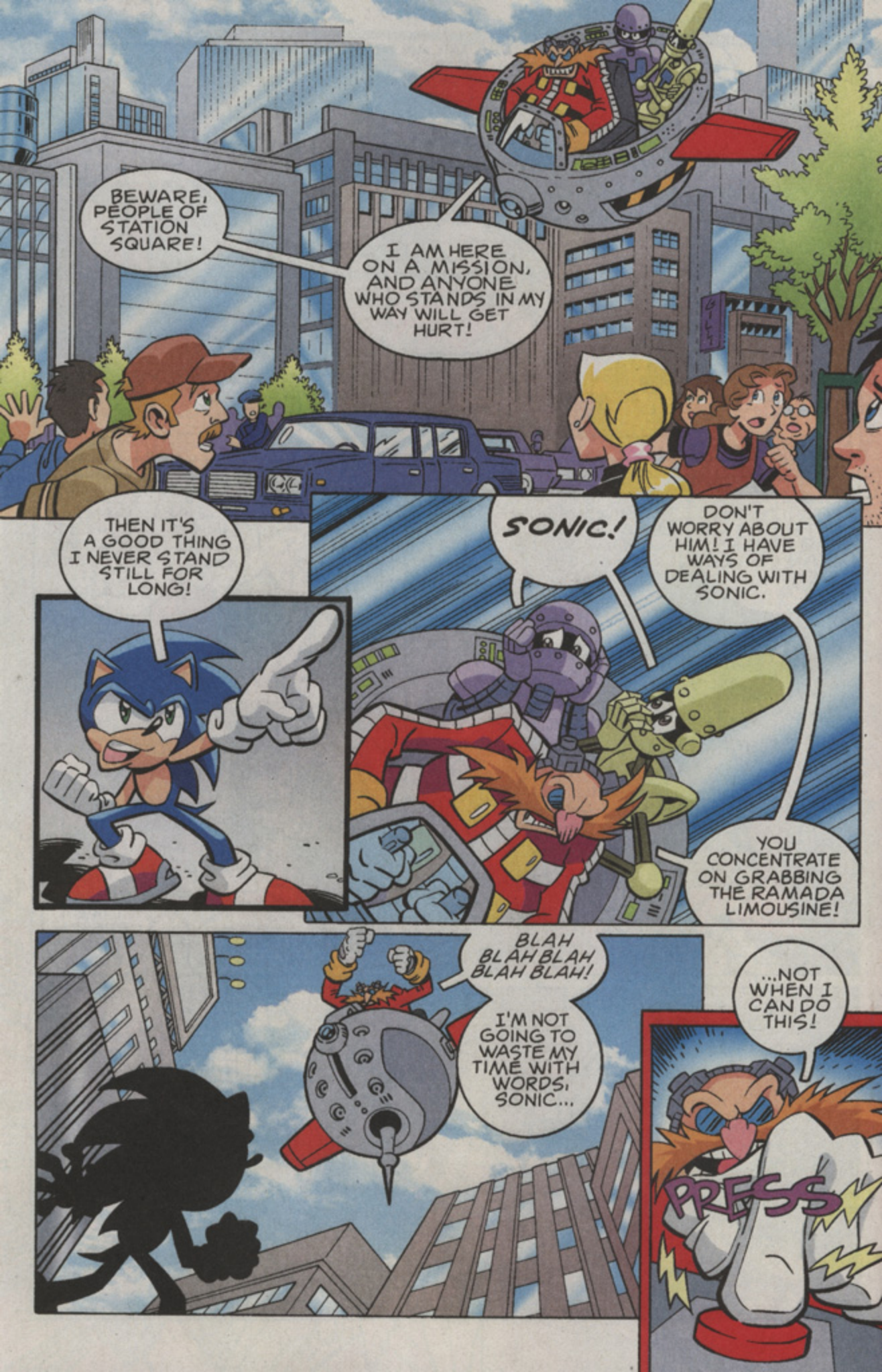
I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO TREAT ME DIFFERENTLY JUST BECAUSE...

...MY FAMILY HAS MONEY.

I'M JUST LIKE EVERY-BODY ELSE.

LOOK OUT!

AH! THIS DAY HAS SUDDENLY BECOME A LOT MORE INTERESTING!


BEWARE, PEOPLE OF STATION SQUARE!
I AM HERE ON A MISSION, AND ANYONE WHO STANDS IN MY WAY WILL GET HURT!
THEN IT'S A GOOD THING I NEVER STAND STILL FOR LONG!
SONIC!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM! I HAVE WAYS OF DEALING WITH SONIC.
YOU CONCENTRATE ON GRABBING THE RAMADA LIMOUSINE!
BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH!
I'M NOT GOING TO WASTE MY TIME WITH WORDS, SONIC...
...NOT WHEN I CAN DO THIS!
PRESS

NOW...

...YOU CAN EITHER TRY TO STOP ME...

...OR SAVE ALL THE INNOCENT PEOPLE WHO MIGHT GET HURT WHEN MY MISSILES EXPLODE ON IMPACT!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!

I HOPE ONE OF THE BOSS' MISSILES DOESN'T HIT US, DECOE.

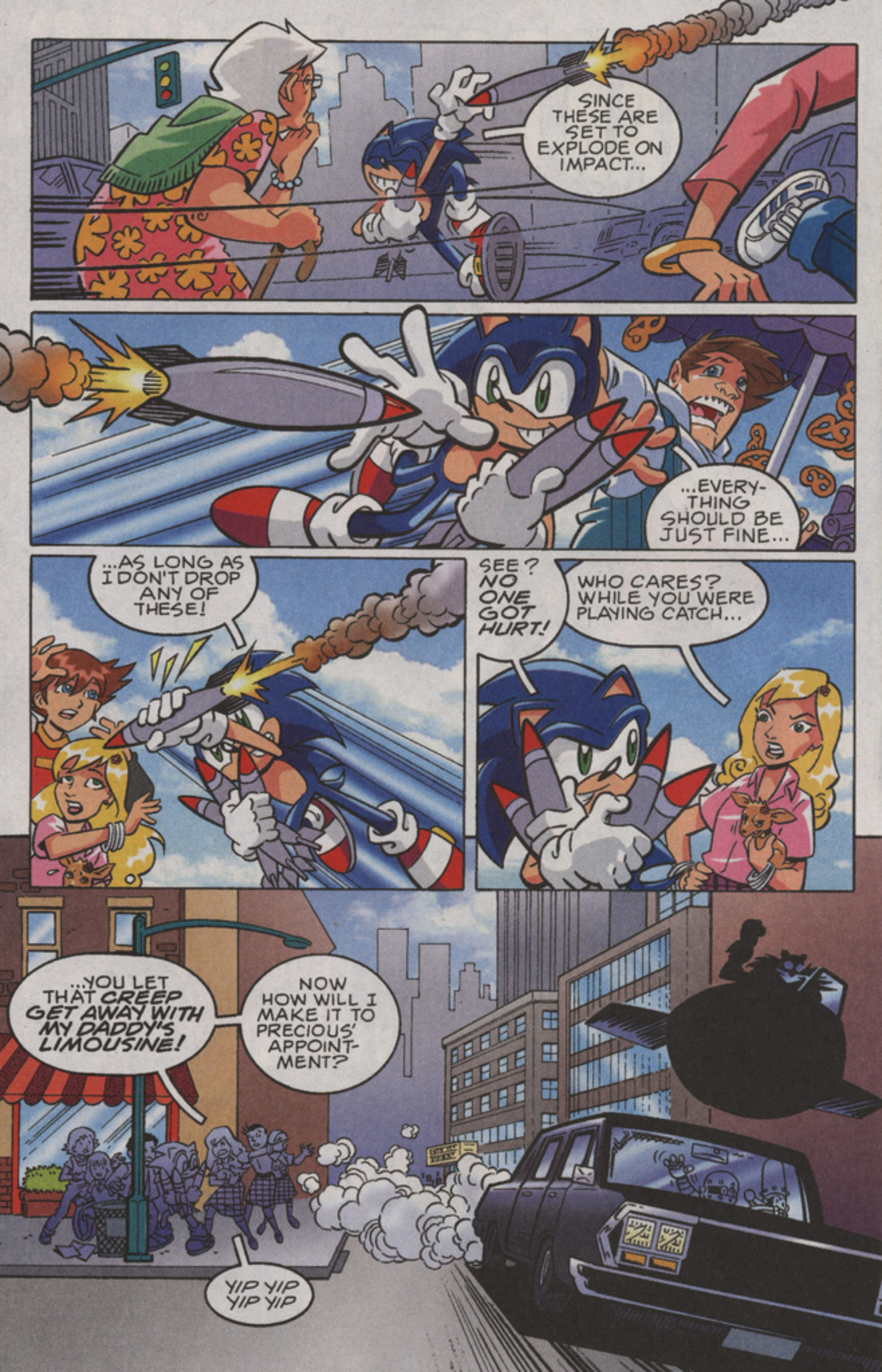
IF WE DON'T GET...

...THAT LIMOUSINE, BOCOE, HE'LL HIT US HIMSELF!

NO ONE'S GETTING HURT TODAY, EGGMAN! (EXCEPT YOU, MAYBE.)

DON'T WORRY, KIDS!

I'VE GOT EVERYTHING WELL IN HAND!


SINCE THESE ARE SET TO EXPLODE ON IMPACT...
...EVERY-THING SHOULD BE JUST FINE...
...AS LONG AS I DON'T DROP ANY OF THESE!
SEE? NO ONE GOT HURT!
WHO CARES? WHILE YOU WERE PLAYING CATCH...
...YOU LET THAT CREEP GET AWAY WITH MY DADDY'S LIMOUSINE!
NOW HOW WILL I MAKE IT TO PRECIOUS' APPOINT-MENT?
YIP YIP YIP YIP

LATER THAT AFTERNOON, AT THE STATION SQUARE MALL...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, SONIC.

I CRISSCROSSED THE COUNTRY *TWICE*, TRYING TO FIND THAT CREEP.

IT'S LIKE HE DIS-APPEARED.

EGGMAN WILL TURN UP AGAIN SOON, AND YOU'LL DEFEAT HIM THEN.

WHY DON'T YOU GET A COUPLE OF HOT DOGS? THEY ALWAYS MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER.

I WON'T FEEL BETTER UNTIL I KNOW WHAT EGGMAN IS UP TO.

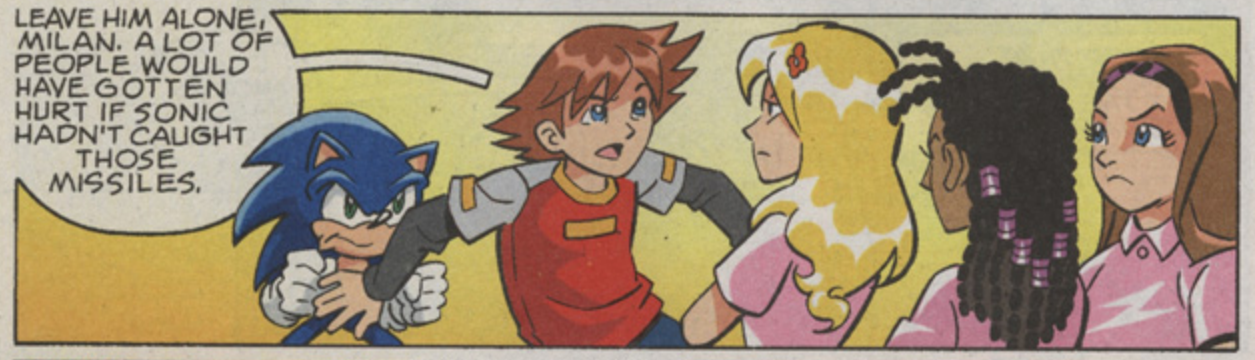
OH, LOOK-- IT'S THE *ALL-LOSERS SQUAD*... AGAIN.

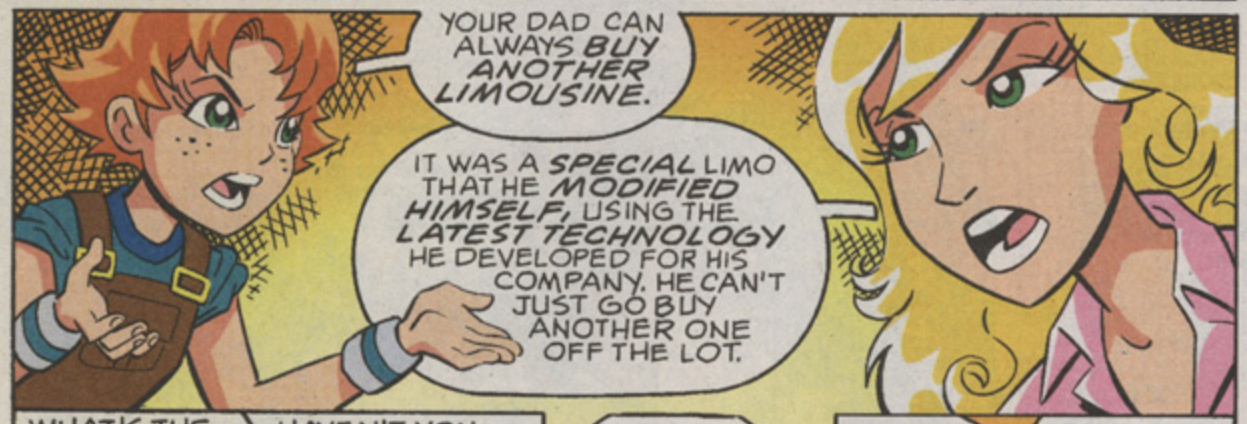
WHAT ARE *YOU* DOING HERE, MILAN?

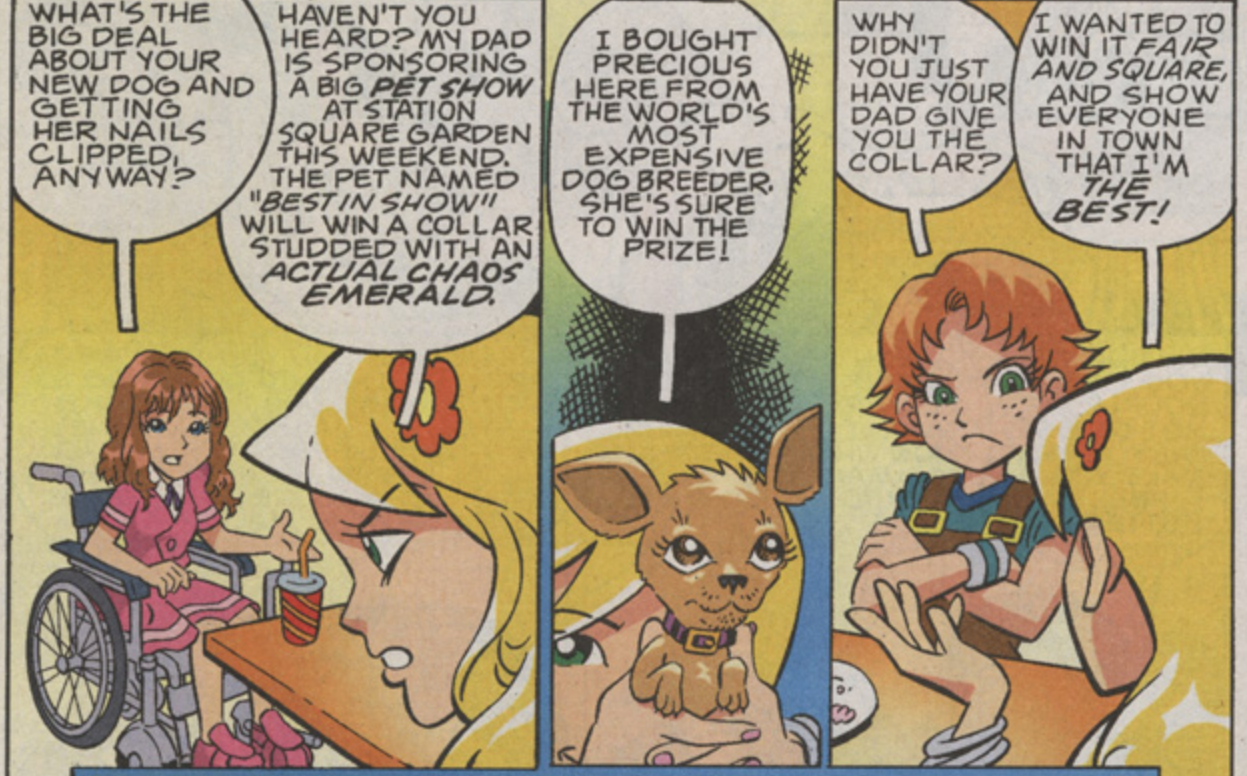
I TOLD YOU I HAD TO GET PRECIOUS' NAILS CLIPPED. MY STYLIST HAS A STORE IN THE MALL.

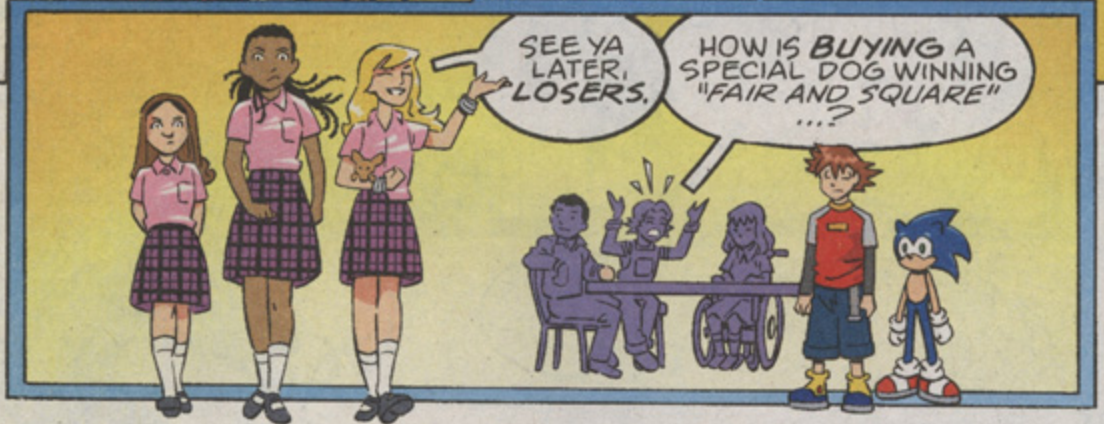
WE HAD TO TAKE THE *BUS* TO GET HERE!

THANKS TO *YOU!*


LEAVE HIM ALONE, MILAN. A LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD HAVE GOTTEN HURT IF SONIC HADN'T CAUGHT THOSE MISSILES.


YOUR DAD CAN ALWAYS BUY ANOTHER LIMOUSINE.
IT WAS A SPECIAL LIMO THAT HE MODIFIED HIMSELF, USING THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY HE DEVELOPED FOR HIS COMPANY. HE CAN'T JUST GO BUY ANOTHER ONE OFF THE LOT.


WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT YOUR NEW DOG AND GETTING HER NAILS CLIPPED, ANYWAY?
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? MY DAD IS SPONSORING A BIG PET SHOW AT STATION SQUARE GARDEN THIS WEEKEND. THE PET NAMED "BEST IN SHOW" WILL WIN A COLLAR STUDDED WITH AN ACTUAL CHAOS EMERALD.
I BOUGHT PRECIOUS HERE FROM THE WORLD'S MOST EXPENSIVE DOG BREEDER. SHE'S SURE TO WIN THE PRIZE!
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST HAVE YOUR DAD GIVE YOU THE COLLAR?
I WANTED TO WIN IT FAIR AND SQUARE, AND SHOW EVERYONE IN TOWN THAT I'M THE BEST!


SEE YA LATER, LOSERS.
HOW IS BUYING A SPECIAL DOG WINNING "FAIR AND SQUARE" ...?

A FEW MILES AWAY, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY, DR. EGGMAN'S EGG CARRIER IS HIDDEN IN STATION SQUARE STATE PARK, ONE OF THE FEW PLACES SONIC DIDN'T LOOK FOR IT.

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THIS LIMOUSINE THAT YOU WANTED TO STEAL IT, DOCTOR EGGMAN?

BECAUSE SOCRATES RAMADA INSTALLED AN EXPERIMENTAL *RECOMBOBULATOR* IN IT FOR TESTING. THIS DEVICE WILL BE PERFECT FOR THE NEW WEAPON I'M CONSTRUCTING, BOKKUN.

WHY DIDN'T YOU BUILD YOUR *OWN* RECOMBOBULATOR?

WHY BUILD MY OWN WHEN I CAN STEAL ONE READY-MADE? THIS WILL COUNTERBALANCE THE *DISCOMBOBULATION FIELD* THE *DESTRUCTOTRON 3000* GENERATES SO THE WEAPON WON'T EXTIRPATE ITSELF.

HE'S SPEAKING SOME FORM OF ENGLISH, BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HE'S SAYING.

I KNEW I SHOULDN'T HAVE STOPPED READING THE DICTIONARY.

ALL I NEED NOW IS A *CHAOS EMERALD*, AND I'LL HAVE ALL THE PIECES I NEED TO COMPLETE THE DESTRUCTOTRON 3000.

THE QUESTION NOW IS: *WHERE CAN I FIND A CHAOS EMERALD?*

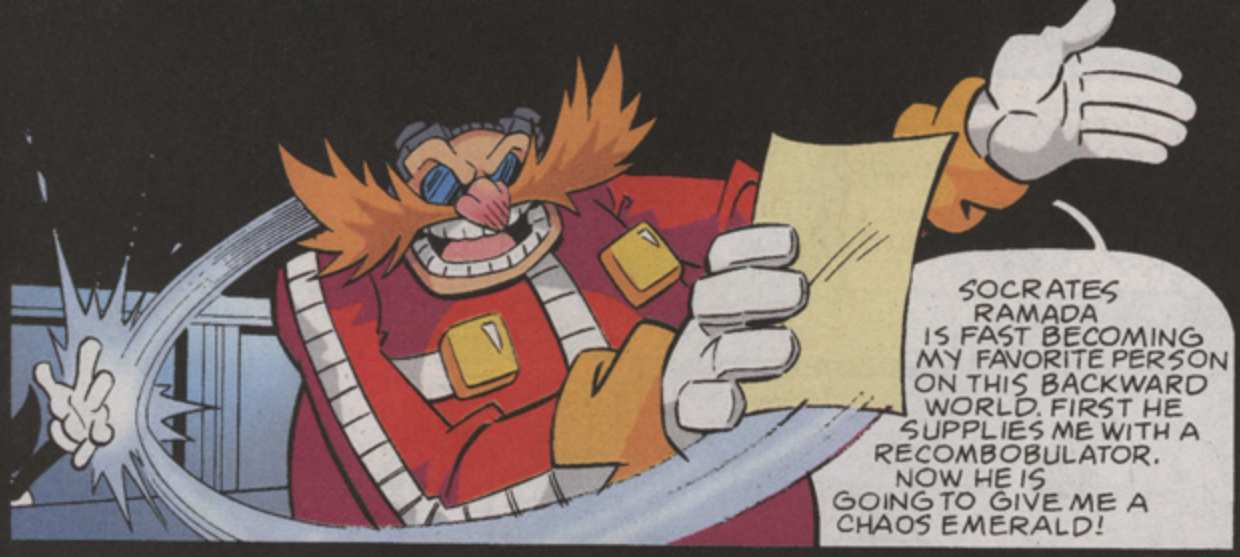
I THINK I KNOW, BOSS.

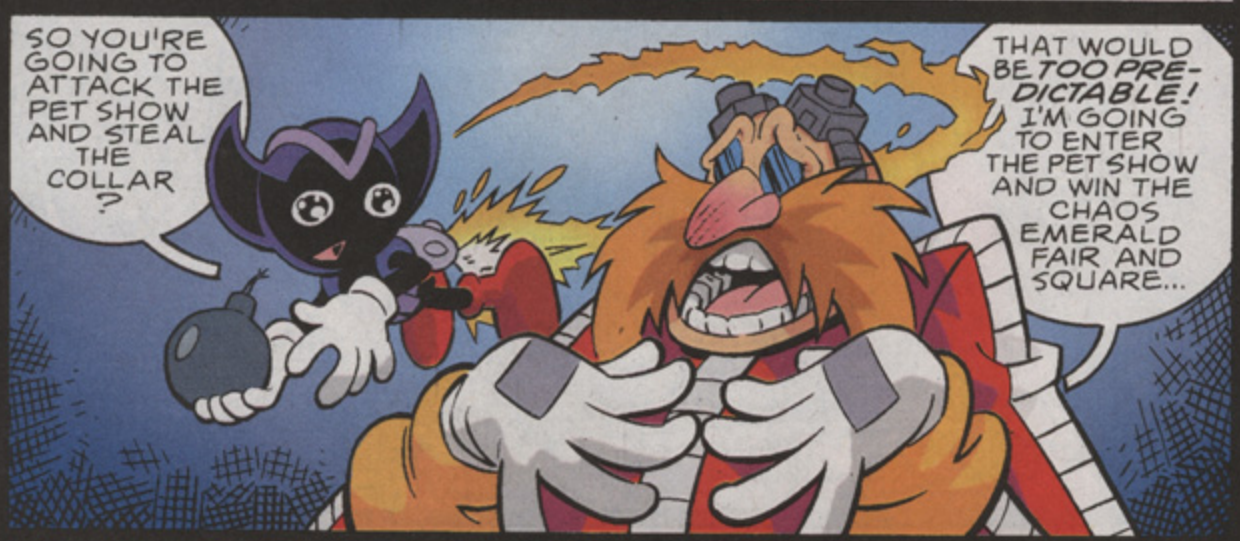
STATION SQUARE PET SHOW

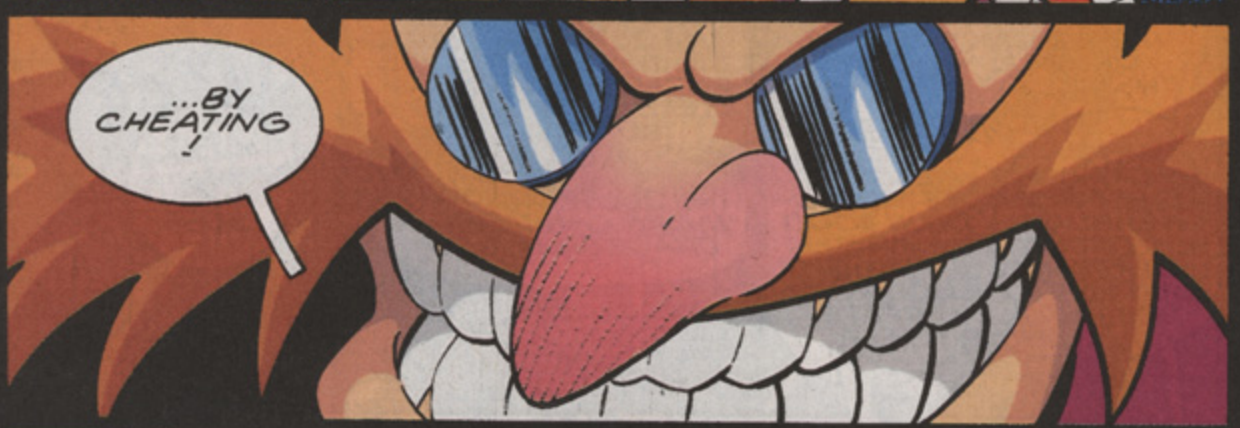
Saturday, 10AM to 5PM at Station Square Garden.

All invited to register their pets.

Best in show will receive a special collar studded with a GENUINE CHAOS EMERALD!


SOCRATES RAMADA IS FAST BECOMING MY FAVORITE PERSON ON THIS BACKWARD WORLD. FIRST HE SUPPLIES ME WITH A RECOMBOBULATOR. NOW HE IS GOING TO GIVE ME A CHAOS EMERALD!


SO YOU'RE GOING TO ATTACK THE PET SHOW AND STEAL THE COLLAR?
THAT WOULD BE *TOO PREDICTABLE!* I'M GOING TO ENTER THE PET SHOW AND WIN THE CHAOS EMERALD FAIR AND SQUARE...


...BY CHEATING!

CAN YOU ENTER THE CONTEST?
YOU DON'T HAVE A PET.
YOU'LL SEE!

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

THIS IS SO HUMILIATING!

BACK AT THE STATION SQUARE MALL...

SOMEONE SHOULD TEACH MILAN RAMADA A LESSON!

YOU KNOW WHAT YOU SHOULD DO, CHRIS? YOU SHOULD ENTER *SONIC* IN THE PET SHOW. NO ONE CAN BEAT HIM!

THAT'S A GREAT IDEA, DANNY!

WHAT DO *YOU* THINK, SONIC?

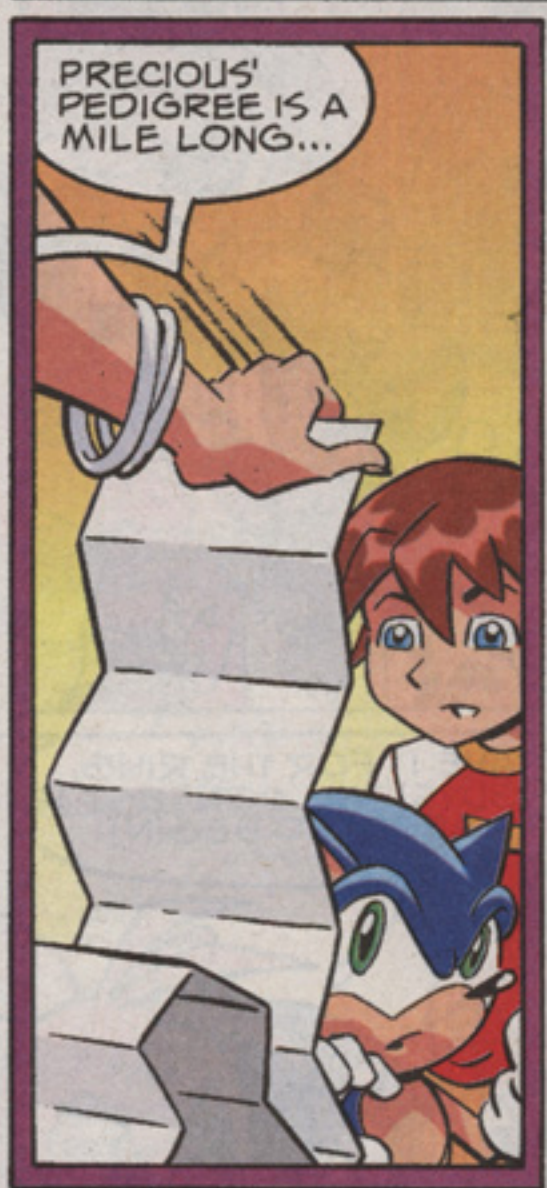
IT WOULD BE A WAY TO PROVE TO MILAN THAT WE'RE *NOT* LOSERS.

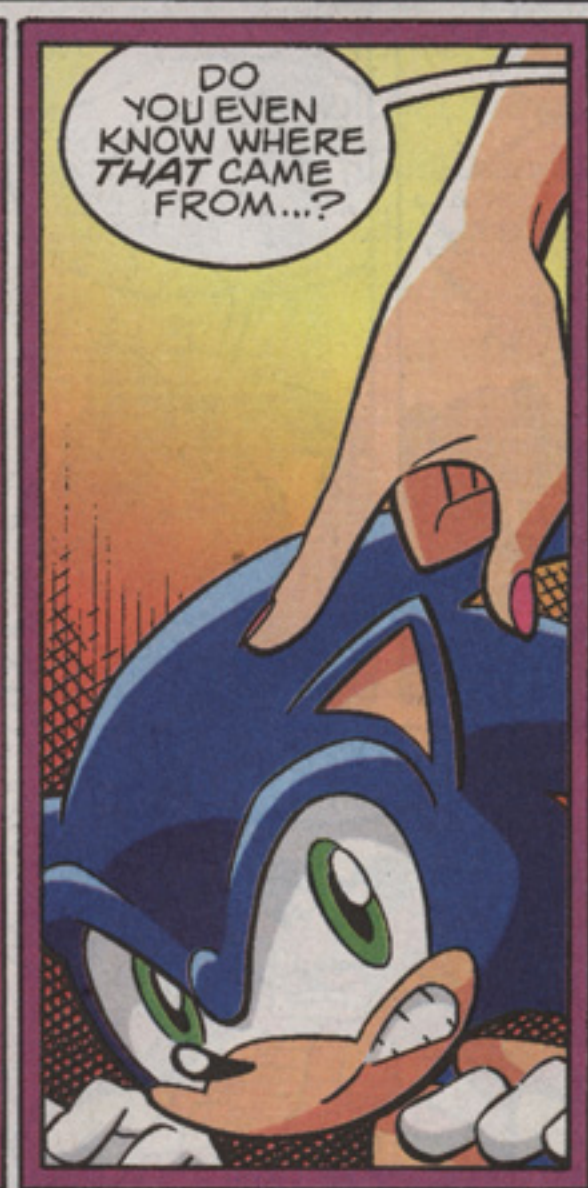
I *NEVER* BACK AWAY FROM A CHALLENGE.

I'LL DO IT!

THAT SATURDAY...
WITH SONIC IN THE SHOW, YOU CAN'T LOSE, CHRIS.
PET SHOW TODAY
SONIC AND I HAVE TO REGISTER.
WE'LL CATCH UP WITH YOU.
WHAT'S THAT?
A HEDGEHOG.
REGIS
DANNY
REALLY? WHERE ARE HIS GLOVES AND SNEAKERS?
WHAT'S WRONG, CREAM?
IT UPSETS ME TO SEE ALL THESE POOR ANIMALS ON LEASHES AND IN CAGES. THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN ON MY WORLD. SOMETIMES I'M AFRAID THE HUMANS ON YOUR WORLD WILL PUT ME AND MY FRIENDS IN CAGES, TOO!
THE ANIMALS IN THESE CAGES ARE PETS, CREAM. THEY'RE DIFFERENT THAN YOU OR SONIC OR TAILS.
BESIDES, ISN'T CHEESE YOUR PET?
NO! CHEESE IS MY FRIEND, NOT A PET. I'D NEVER PUT HIM IN A CAGE OR ON A LEASH!
CHAO!

I JUST THINK ALL LIVING THINGS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO BE FREE.





DOCTOR EGGMAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I'M HERE TO ACQUIRE THE CHAOS EMERALD, OF COURSE.

WE WON'T LET YOU STEAL IT!

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF STEALING IT. I'M GOING TO WIN IT, FAIR AND SQUARE.

WITH WHAT?

NEE-OH.

THAT'S NOT A *REAL* CAT, YOU *CHEATER!*

DO YOU THINK BUYING AN EXPENSIVE DOG JUST TO WIN THE CONTEST *ISN'T* CHEATING?

AT LEAST *MY* PET COMES FROM *THIS* PLANET!

CAN YOUR DOG DO *THIS?*

GIVE IT UP, BOKKUN. ANYTHING YOU CAN DO, *I* CAN DO BETTER!

WE'RE GOING TO *CRUSH* YOU, SONIC! AFTER TODAY, *YOU'LL* KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE...

...TO *LOSE!*

SAVE IT FOR THE RING, GUYS! THE CONTEST IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!

...THE JUDGES WILL NOW MAKE A CLOSE INSPECTION OF ALL THE CONTESTANTS...

GOOD STANCE...

UM-HMMM.

HEE HEE. THAT TICKLES.

WHAT BREED IS THIS?

MOBIAN MOLECAT.

IS HIS COAT MADE OF SPINES OR FUR?

IS HE A NATURAL BLUE, OR IS HE DYED?

SPEAK.

YIP. YIP. YIP.

SPEAK.

NEE-OH.

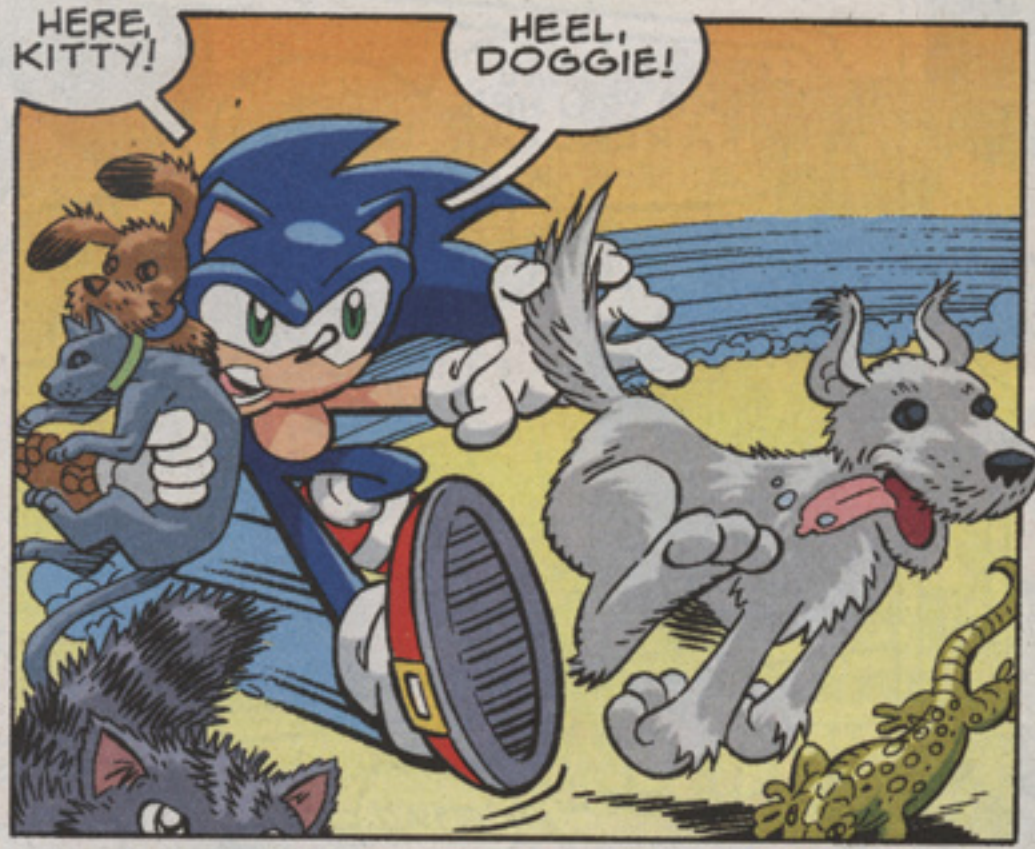
...STRANGEST SOUNDING CAT I'VE EVER HEARD.

SPEAK.

IS THERE ANY PARTICULAR TOPIC YOU'D LIKE ME TO ADDRESS?

AFTER A GRUELING ELIMINATION PROCESS, WE ARE DOWN TO THE LAST THREE ENTRANTS.
IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THE OBEDIENCE AND TALENT PORTION OF THE COMPETITION. WHOEVER WINS THIS ROUND WILL BE NAMED BEST IN SHOW AND WILL RECEIVE THE CHAOS EMERALD-STUDDED COLLAR.
JUMP, PRECIOUS!
OUTSTANDING!
VERY CUTE.
DON'T HURT ANYONE, BOKKUN!
HE DIDN'T MOVE.
AND YOU DIDN'T GET HURT.
HE FOLLOWED MY ORDERS TO THE LETTER.
SAVE THE WORLD, SONIC!
STOP THAT!
DONE!
LET ME GO! I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING!
YET!

GET ME OUT OF THIS, BOKKUN.
I'M ON IT, BOSS.
LOOK AT HIM! I TOLD YOU HE'S NOT A REAL CAT!
DIS-QUALIFY HIM!
CHOMP
YOW!
OOWO OWOWOWO OWOWOWO OWO!
WHOMP
CRASH!
GRRR
BARK
HISS
UH OH.
GRR
MEOW


HERE, KITTY!
HEEL, DOGGIE!

HOLD STILL, MA'AM! I'LL SAVE YOU!

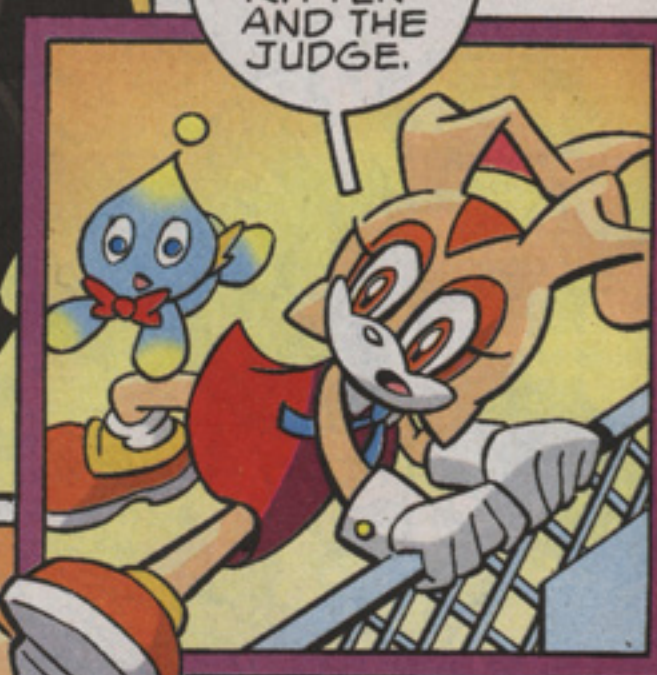
LET GO!
PRECIOUS! STOP IT!
YOU'LL RIP YOUR PRETTY BOW!

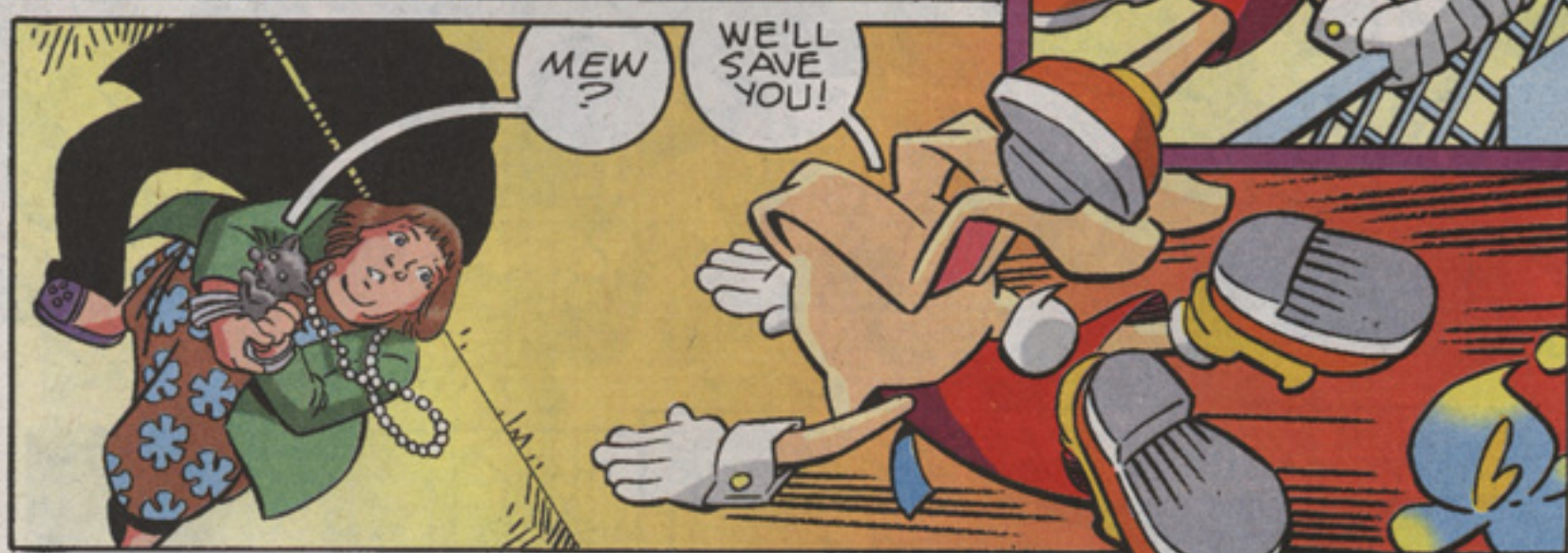
GET AWAY! SHOO!

HOLD STILL!
THOSE CLAWS ARE SHARP!

I DIDN'T SEE *THIS* COMING.
CHEESE, *LOOK!*

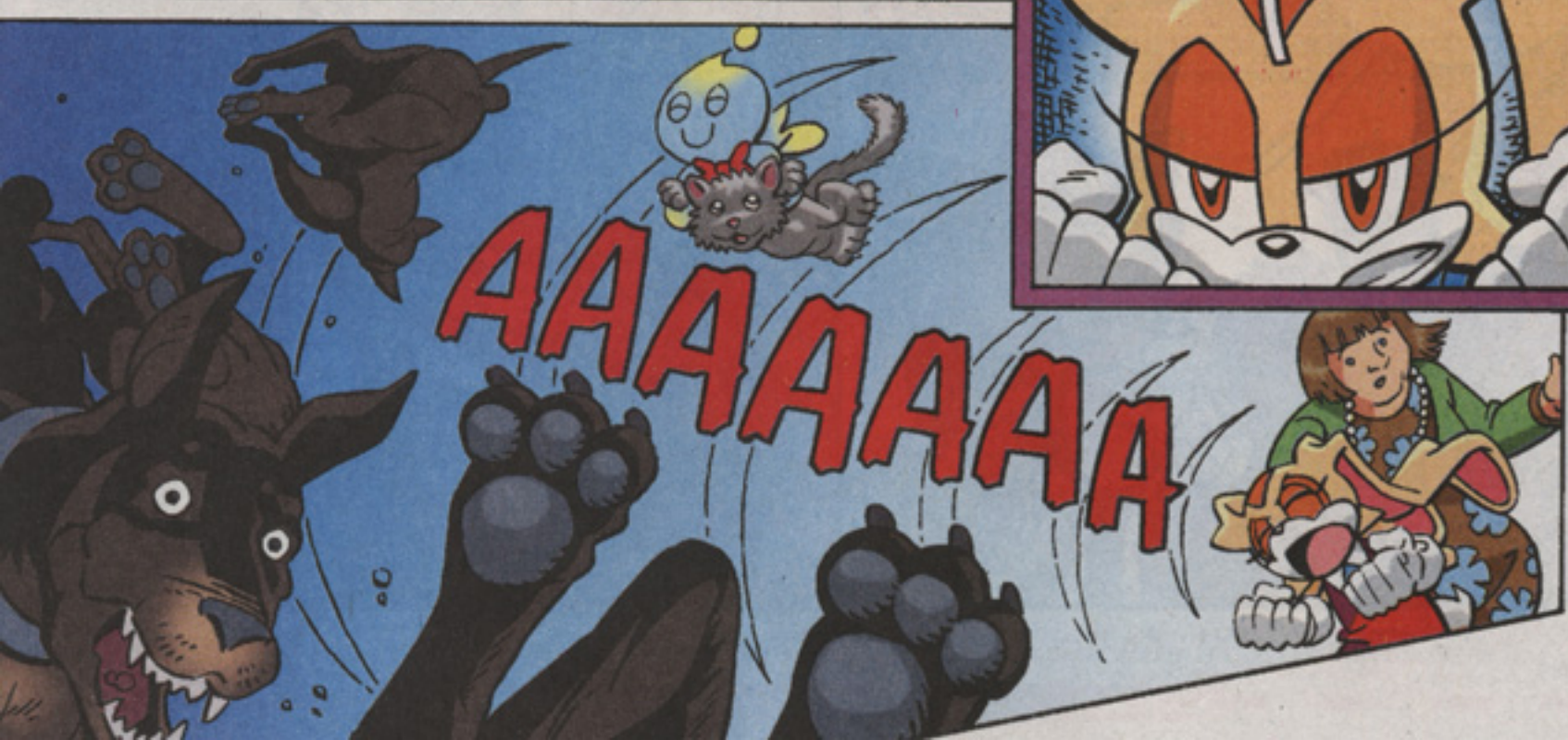
MEW?
GROWWL


WE'VE GOT TO SAVE THAT POOR KITTEN AND THE JUDGE.


MEW ?
WE'LL SAVE YOU!

LEAVE HER ALONE!
PLEASE LET US GO!

DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU!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POURING ON ALL HIS SPEED, SONIC RETRIEVES THE LOOSE ANIMALS...

...UNTIL EVERY LAST PET IS RETURNED TO ITS CAGE, CARRIER, AND OWNER.

THANK YOU, MISTER SONIC.

NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF YOU HADN'T BEEN SQUABBLING.

THAT'S RIGHT. ALL THREE OF YOU ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE COMPETITION.

OUR "BEST IN SHOW" IS CHEESE AND HIS OWNER CREAM, WHO RISKED THEIR OWN LIVES TO SAVE ME AND THIS KITTEN.

BUT CREAM ISN'T...

WE AWARD THE TWO OF YOU THIS SPECIAL COLLAR STUDDED WITH A GENUINE CHAOS EMERALD.

YAAAAAAY

WE THANK YOU FOR THIS WONDERFUL PRIZE.

WE LEARNED TODAY HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO KEEP PETS SAFE BY USING LEASHES AND CARRIERS. IF WE LOVE OUR PETS, WE MUST DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PROTECT THEM.

CHAO CHAO CHAO CHAO CHAO CHAO CHAO.

CHEESE AND I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE THIS CHAOS EMERALD TO THE STATION SQUARE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS TO HELP ALL THE POOR ANIMALS IN OUR TOWN WHO DON'T HAVE HOMES.

FINALLY, OUR HEROES ARE BARKING UP THE RIGHT TREE! BUT WILL THINGS GET TOO "RUFF" NEXT TIME WHEN SONIC AND EGGMAN FIND THEMSELVES CAUGHT IN A "SWITCHEROO"?? FIND OUT NEXT MONTH, AND UNTIL THEN, CHECK OUT ***SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, SONIC ARCHIVES,*** AND ***SONIC SELECT!***